

ILLINOIS—COMMON SCHOOLS.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS,

RELATIVE TO

*The sixteenth sections of land, &c.*

JANUARY 11, 1845.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Whereas the Congress of these United States have granted to the State of Illinois the sixteenth section in each township for the support of common schools; and whereas, in many instances, such lands are in part or in whole unproductive and worthless; and whereas it is desirable that the school fund of each township should be made as productive as possible, as well for the present as any future generation of children:

*Resolved, therefore,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law authorizing the citizens of each township, when their sixteenth section is unproductive or worthless in part or in whole, to relinquish it, and select other lands in lieu thereof belonging to the general government—the lands so selected to be in each township respectively.

*Resolved,* That the Governor of the State of Illinois transmit a copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our members in Congress.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
JOHN MOORE,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

I certify the above to be a true and perfect copy of a preamble and resolutions, adopted by the General Assembly, and filed in the office of the secretary of state, December 28, 1844.

THOMAS FORD.

ILLINOIS COMMON SCHOOLS

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ENACTED

The sixteenth session of 1854

JANUARY 11, 1854

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands

Whereas the Congress of these United States have granted to the State of Illinois the sixteenth section in each township for the support of common schools; and whereas in many instances such lands are in part or wholly unproductive and worthless; and whereas it is desirable that the school fund of each township should be made as productive as possible; well for the present as any future extension of education;

Resolved, That our members in Congress be instructed to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law authorizing the citizens of each township when they deem a vacant section is unproductive or worthless in part or in whole to relinquish it and select other lands in lieu thereof belonging to the township or State—the lands so selected to be in each township respectively.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State of Illinois transmit a report of the lands so selected to each of our members in Congress.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON

Speaker of the House of Representatives

JOHN MOORE

Speaker of the Senate

I certify the above to be a true and perfect copy of a resolution and report passed and adopted by the General Assembly, and filed in the office of the Secretary of State December 28, 1854

THOMAS FORD

Secretary of State